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A joke:

Q: How can you tell that Mark Lane doesn't open the drawers in his hotel room?

A: Because the National Examiner hasn't run a world exclusive on the discovery of the Bible.

Now it can be told, how seasoned investigator Mark Lane, aided by a committee of inquiry and the enormous legal machinery of the Freedom of Information Act and the federal bureaucracy accomplished the gargantuan task of prying open a book (to wit, Post Mortem, by Harold Weisberg, published in 1975) to page 266 and actually reading a document printed therein. The two and a half year effort culminated this week in a startling world exclusive printed by the respected National Examiner. Mr. Lane refused to comment on why the effort took so long, but sources close to his committee explained that a year of intensive lecture engagements was necessary to raise funds for purchase of the "top secret" book. After that, sources say, Lane spent weeks pouring over the index to the book to determine which page to turn to. After several unsuccessful attempts, the correct page was located and, sure enough, the secret document was on it.

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